

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Patent Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Ball~~ A ball game racket, especially ~~tennis racket~~ comprising a racket head formed by a tension frame (2) with stringing (3) and by a handle element (7) joining the tension frame (2), ~~for example~~ by means of a core (5), and formed by a handle shaft or a racket neck (6) and a handle, ~~as well and~~ by attenuating means (17) on at least one area of the racket frame, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said attenuating means (17) include an attenuation fluid the a viscosity of which is controllable by an electric and/or a magnetic field, and ~~that~~ an electric control means (20) for altering the viscosity of the attenuation liquid is provided.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Tennis~~ The ball racket according to claim 1, wherein said attenuating means (17) are effective between the stringing (3) and the tension frame (2).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Tennis~~ The ball racket according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said attenuating means are effective between the racket head and the handle (7).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Ball~~ The ball game racket according to ~~anyone of the preceeding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said attenuating means form at least two chambers (18') for receiving the attenuation fluid, which chambers are connected with each other at least by a connector (18') operating as a throttle, and said connector is provided with at least one electrode (19) triggered by said control means (20) and/or is provided by a magnetic coil triggered by said control means.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Ball~~ The ball game racket according to ~~anyone of the preceeding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the tension frame (2) comprises a frame profile (2') and a support profile (8) used for fastening the stringing (3), and at least one attenuation element (17) is provided between the frame profile (2') and the support profile (8).